BIOLOGICAL INVASIONS
Is there an emerging, intellectually cohesive field that might be described as the evolutionary ecology of biological invasions?
1 What theories best represent this field? For two or more theories that seem especially important, summarize the essential postulates and critical evidence, characterize the domain of inference, and mention the leading researchers
2 Are there unifying themes to these theories? If so, what are they? If not, why not?
3 What are the big questions, that, if answered, would make meaningful contributions to our understanding of how biological invasions affect ecological systems?
4 How does "invasion theory" interface with the other major theoretical constructs of ecology?
We expect your answer to be 6-10 double-spaced pages, and to include in-text citations and a complete list of references cited at the end of the document. Figures supporting your arguments are welcome.